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FOR ENOA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR CO  
SUBJ: INTERDUCTIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR DRUGS TO  
BE REMOVED FROM COLOMBIA

1. ON 1/18/78 PROGRAM MANAGER VAN METRE AND SAIC BURNETT SPOKE WITH THE ATTY GENERAL OF COLOMBIA CONCERNING PERMISSION TO ALLOW DRUGS TO LEAVE COLOMBIA. THE AG STATED THAT IT WAS ILLEGAL TO KNOWINGLY ALLOW DRUGS TO LEAVE COL AND AT PRESENT IT WAS A VERY DELICATE MATTER. HOWEVER, HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE CASES THAT JUSTIFIED EXCEPTIONS AND TOLD US TO CONTACT AAG FOR JUDICIAL POLICE DR. RODOLFO GARCIA AND EXPLAIN IN DETAIL THE CASES.
2. ON 1/15/78 SAIC BURNETT MET WITH DR. GARCIA. DR. GARCIA STATED THAT HE LIKED THE IDEA OF ALLOWING THE FIRST LOAD TO LEAVE COL, GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE TRAFFICKER AND THEN MAKE THE ARRESTS AND SEIZURES IN COLOMBIA ON THE 2ND TRIP. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THE CASES AND ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF HIS DECISION.
3. ON 1/20/ DR. GARCIA EXPLAINED TO SAIC BURNETT THAT HE COULD

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NOT APPROVE ANY DRUGS LEAVING COLOMBIA BECAUSE:

- A. THERE WAS A LOT OF IN-FIGHTING BETWEEN THE JP AND NATIONAL POLICE DUE TO THE NARCOTIC RESPONSIBILITIES ENFORCEMENT. BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THE NATIONAL POLICE AND DAS AND GIVEN TO THE ATTY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

B. HE FELT THAT UNTIL HIS OFFICE IS OPERATIONAL AND THE AG ORDERS THE POLICE AND DAS NOT TO INVESTIGATE DRUG MATTERS, HE CANNOT BE ASSURED THAT THE POLICE ARE NOT INVESTIGATING THE SAME CASE. DR. GARCIA STATED THAT THE NATIONAL POLICE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO EMBARRASS THE AG'S OFFICE AT THIS TIME AND IF SOMETHING HAPPENED IN COLOMBIA SUCH AS AN INFORMANT OR DEA AGENT GETTING ARRESTED BY THE NP, IT COULD JEOPARDIZE THE JUDICIAL POLICE REORGANIZATION.

4. DR. GARCIA STATED THAT THEIR OFFICE WANTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE US AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BUT AT THIS TIME HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THE AG'S OFFICE COULD AUTHORIZE ANY DRUG LOADS LEAVING COLOMBIA. HE DID STATE THAT AS SOON AS THE NEW NARCOTIC UNIT WAS OPERATIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN TO DAS AND NATIONAL POLICE, HE WOULD AUTHORIZE ON A SELECTED BASIS SOME CASES TO LEAVE COLOMBIA.

5. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ENOA IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE DOMESTIC REGIONS THAT NO DRUGS, EXCEPT SAMPLES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE COLOMBIA. FROM SAIC BURNETT. GDS  
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